IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 1 2 3 ApplicantMicrosoft Corporation 5 6 Attorney's Docket No.MS1-499USC1 7 Title: Method and Apparatus For Characterizing and Improving Optical Drive Performance 8 9 To: Honorable Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 10 11 From: Emmanuel A. Rivera (Tel. 509-324-9256; Fax 509-323-8979) Customer No. 22801 12 13 RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 21, 2006 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION 14 Sir: 15 In response to the non-final office action (the Action) of November 21, 16 2006, the response is provided as follows: 17 The listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper. 18 Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper. 19 20 21 22

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